



LaRoche + Associates

April 18, 2005

Dear Reviewer:

Enclosed are Volumes I and II of the Public Hearing Draft for the “transition” amendment of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal Management Plan. Volume I includes the *Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal Management Plan* and supporting appendices. Volume II is comprised of the maps. We invite your review and comments on these documents.

The deadline for the receipt of all written and verbal comments is **May 12, 2005**. As required and provided in the provisions of House Bill 191 (Chapter 24, SLA 2003), the Kenai Peninsula Borough has developed the Public Review Draft of the Kenai Peninsula Borough CMP in accordance with the revised Alaska Coastal Management (ACMP) statutes at AS 46.39 and AS 46.40 and the new ACMP regulations at 11 AAC 110, 11 AAC 112, and 11 AAC 114 that govern “transition” amendments.

We also invite you to participate in public forum that will be held during the review period:

**Planning Commission Hearing
Monday, April 25, 2005, 7:00 p.m.
144 North Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK**

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal Management Plan area encompasses the following:

- Landward Limit: The 1,000-foot elevation contour and all islands in their entirety.
- Seaward Limit: The three-mile limit of State jurisdiction.

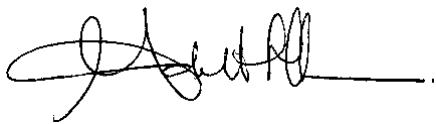
The Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal Management Plan was originally approved on April 30, 1990. The Port Graham/English Bay (as Nanwalek was then called) Area Which Merits Special Attention took effect on March 23, 1992.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough undertook this required plan revision in the summer of 2004, evaluating its plan to better understand what changes the new laws would require. A grant to revise the plan was received in September and the plan revision commenced in October. The changes being proposed are intended to meet the new state requirements so that the Borough’s plan can continue to be a valuable planning and management tool.

Comments may be provided through the Public Hearing, or by mail, fax, or email by **May 12, 2005** to LaRoche+Associates, 555 Blue Sky Drive, Port Townsend WA 98368, or 360-385-2559 or gabrielle@larocheandassociates.com.

For special assistance, more information, or to request additional copies of the draft (the text and maps are available in both CD and paper format), contact LaRoche+Associates at 360-385-2559 or gabrielle@larocheandassociates.com. You may also contact Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal Management Coordinator Gary Williams at (907) 714-2216 or gwilliams@borough.kenai.ak.us

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gabrielle LaRoche', followed by a horizontal line.

Gabrielle LaRoche, Principal
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Enclosures

cc: Gary Williams, Coastal Management Coordinator